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SPRING BREAKS OUT—Springbreak begins Saturday and ends when classes resume Tuesday, April 5.

"The Library will be closing at 4:30 p.m. Friday, and reopen Monday, April 4," said Assistant Library Technician Sylvia Thompson. Books checked out Thursday and Friday before the break will be due the week

students return.

Dormitories will close at 6 p.m. Saturday and reopen at noon April 4.

The Teepee "will close Friday at 4:30 p.m. and open at 7 a.m. Monday, April 4," said Teepee employee Vivian Story.

Student Affairs officials said no activities are planned during the break.

Senate passes DWI bill, students express views

By JOHN BERRY

The Texas Senate recently passed a more rigid DWI bill. The new bill provides stricter sentences for offenders and cancels deferred adjudication.

This means that the current legal practice enabling first offenders to retain their clear records if they are not convicted of DWI again during a designated probationary period would be eliminated.

In response to the new bill, TJC News conducted a survey of students, faculty and staff.

Of the more than 80 students surveyed, 60 admitted drinking alcoholic beverages.

Seventy-five percent said they know their "safe" limit while only two persons admitted to not knowing when they had drunk too much to drive safely.

Eleven students said they do drive after having consumed too much alcohol while 56 stated they do not.

Students who have been involved in DWI accidents numbered nine against 72 who said they had never been involved in an accident where alcohol was a factor.

Six reported being in accidents where injuries resulted; only one had been in an accident involving a death.

An additional 20, or one in four of those surveyed said they had known someone who was killed in such accidents.

One student said he had known "two guys who were driving home from a club during a rainstorm one night. The car lost control. The passenger was crushed and the other driver was killed." Many of the alcohol related accidents students reported were single car accidents.

Approximately 27 other students randomly chosen were

asked whether or not they had heard of the new bill. Two thirds had and 22 favored the bill.

Two-thirds favor the work of MADD, Mothers Against Drunk Drivers.

"It is a good cause that will hopefully decrease accidents," said Sophomore Chris Larkin.

"Drunk drivers are never hurt. It's the other driver that becomes the victim," said Sophomore Marva Thomas.

Many students surveyed did not believe the new laws would have much effect on students' social activities.

"I doubt the effect will actually slow up any social activity. It will just make the consequences of this activity greater," said Student Senate President Chuck Sowders.

Sophomore Jay Blackwell said what many others hope would be the effect of the new bill on their lives: "The roads may be a little safer to drive on."

Students gave varied answers on stiffening of DWI laws but most agreed they should be more strictly enforced.

One of the most controversial questions asked was what students think about proposed legislation to outlaw driving with open containers of alcoholic beverages.

Freshman Debbie Norrise said, "I agree with it if enforcers can catch them in the act."

"If they are going to break the law, this won't help," Thoinas said.

Sophomore Rayburn Williams said, "I don't agree with it. An actual test should be given." Of the open container question, 14 agreed, 13 disagreed, 13 disagreed, thus splitting the opinion in half.

Board approves welding program

The Board of Trustees approved a new welding curriculum Thursday to be offered in the 1983 fall semester.

Vice President for Instruction I.L. Friedman said the new program "has a strong support from students in area high schools. It will be concentrated more on industry than simply on a vocational program."

A survey mailed to 27 area companies showed a need for welding technicians, not just employees with a vocational background in "rod burning."

The new curriculum will give those who complete the program opportunity for "supervisory positions in fabrication construction, manufacturing and local industry," said Technology Dean Richard Minter.

The course will focus on layout and design, selection of materials and inclusive studies such as English, math, speech and management.

Howe Baker Engineers and Delta Drilling Company of Tyler have shown strong support for the new welding program.

The application for the new curriculum must be approved by the Texas Education Agency. Students will be eligible to register for welding April 1-May 31.

The Board discussed necessary changes in the physical plant to house the new cur-

riculum. A minimum of 2,700 square feet of shop space plus classrooms and other facilities will be required. The proposed shop will be constructed just south of Adair Street and east of the working greenhouse. Construction is scheduled to begin in late April or early May.

Dr. Edwin E. Fowler, vice president for student services, reported success of Career Day in which students from 36 high schools participated.

In executive session, the Board accepted four resignations and approved one appointment.

Resignations which become effective May 18 include: Home Economics Director Blanche Gibson, Physical Education Instructor Fletcher Gibson, Foreign Language Instructor Bridget Mann and Basketball Coach J.D. Menasco. Gibson, Gibson and Mann are retiring. Menasco will be reassigned as a full time physical education instructor.

Appointed was vocational nursing instructor Patricia Cryer.

TJC President Raymond Hawkins also announced that the 21 applicants for Vice-president for Educational and Student Services have been reduced to five. The remaining candidates will be screened, he said.

New Briefs

Nurse relocates

Health Services Director Zeldia Boucher said she would move into her new office in the student center Monday. This relocation "will allow me to be more easily visible to students. Not everyone on campus visits Jenkins Hall, but almost everyone goes to the Student Center at one time or another," she said.

Boucher said though she has changed her location her office hours will remain the same. These are Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. and Tuesday-Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

TJC offers art awards

TJC for the first time is sponsoring an art competition for high school seniors. Competition will be April 5-8 at the Tyler Museum of Art in the Carmichael Gallery during regular museum hours.

The art faculty will judge the entries and select the five \$100 scholarship winners.

Registration to resume

Advanced registration will continue after spring break. Students wishing to register for fall classes should do so April 4-29.

Once a tentative schedule is approved, courses will be held until Aug. 19. Payment for classes is due at that time. If classes are not paid for at the Business Office by that time, the schedule will be forfeited.

Senate stops event

Activity night, scheduled in the Teepee every Tuesday night, has been cancelled.

The Student Senate sponsored this weekly event which consisted of various games, tournaments, and prizes awarded to winners.

Student Senate President Chuck Sowders said participation ranged from 20 to 30 people per night. This was much less than had been anticipated.

Participation was fairly good for the pool tournaments, but not good enough, said Sowders.

PTK elects officers

The Alpha Omicron chapter of Phi Theta Kappa recently elected officers: President Mark Thomas Morman; Vice President Cheryl Jean Barnett; Secretary Stephanie K. Hill.

These officers-elect will assume their roles at the pledge initiation banquet April 19 at Wyatt's Cafeteria.

ADS plans spring formal

The Alpha Delta Sigma sorority is having a spring formal April 16 at Knights of Columbus Hall. This formal marks the sorority's 10th anniversary.

Tickets will be on sale April 5 from Pamela London in the Student Affairs Office or from any sorority member. Cost will be \$5 single, \$8 couples and \$5 per person at the door.

Representative Hudson cites finances as major problem in higher education

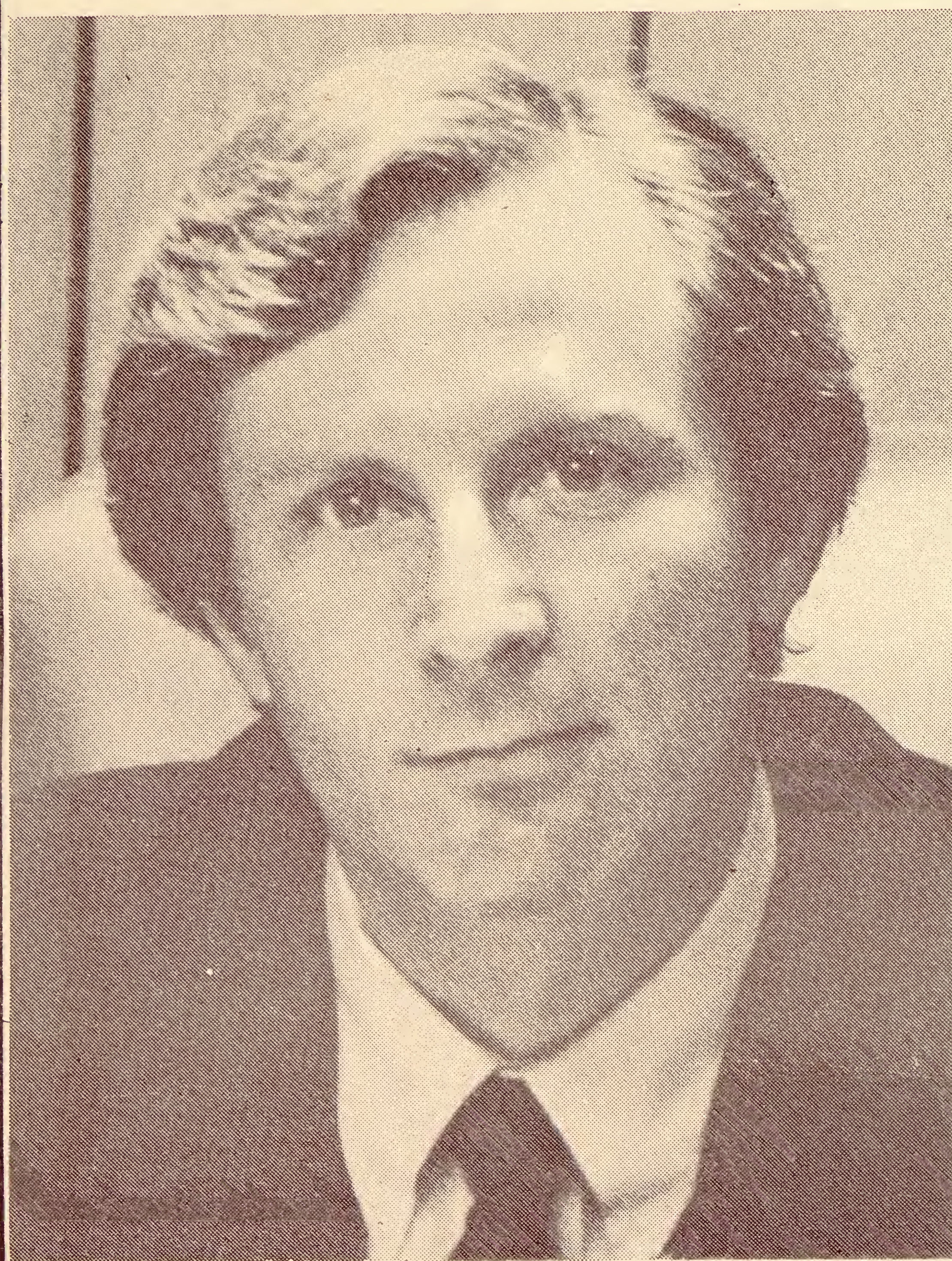


Photo by Charles Wilson
Representative David Hudson

By CHARLES WILSON

Representative David Hudson says finances are the major problem for Texas colleges and universities.

A Democrat from Smith County, Hudson is on the State Legislature Higher Education Committee. That committee oversees every public institution of higher education, including TJC.

"The major problem for TJC and other institutions of learning is funding," said Hudson.

All public junior colleges are partially funded by the State. They also raise their own revenue through property taxes, tuition and fees.

In 1983 TJC has a proposed state contribution of \$5,720,275 for academic work, and \$4,073,177 for vocational/technical education.

Prior to his election to the Texas Legislature in 1982, Hudson taught government at TJC for eight years.

He doesn't favor raising tuition costs. Except for the additional costs of transportation for commuting students, he doesn't foresee the new state

taxes increasing the cost of education at TJC.

TJC is an "excellent institution," Hudson says, and he sees a bright future for its graduates.

Hudson's sole endeavor now is that of legislator. He has no other occupation. As a legislator he receives a \$7200 annual salary, plus \$30 a day per diem and mileage to and from the State Capitol. He stays with relatives during the Session and drives home to Tyler on weekends.

So far as state employment is concerned, he says, "Texas state government is a very small government, but there are opportunities for people with specific training to obtain jobs in state government."

Hudson is chairman of the Subcommittee for Sunset legislation of the House Committee on Cultural and Historical Resources.

Hudson's address is P.O. Box 8411, Tyler 75711, or P.O. Box 2910, Austin 78769. He may be reached by phone at 597-0205 in Tyler, and 512-475-3640 in Austin.

To learn the status of any particular being considered by state government call 1-800-252-9693 for information, Hudson suggests.

Parents sug child care r

By ELAINE REICHARD

Child care presents a problem for some students. If the parent who is a student is suddenly without a babysitter, the parent must skip classes or bring the child to class.

Since most students in this category would rather not miss classes, they sometimes bring their small children along.

Dr. Edwin E. Fowler, vice president for student services, said bringing children to class is discouraged. It is not conducive to good teaching and is distracting to other students.

TJC has no written rule concerning this, he said, but if it becomes a problem, a rule would probably be made and enforced.

Many years ago, when large numbers of veterans started to college, a nursery for children of night students was set up at Fifth Street Presbyterian Church, Fowler said. Due to many problems with certification and people to staff the nursery, it was discontinued.

At present, Fowler said, it is impossible to consider another attempt to set up such a facility because of the space it would require.

A number of students who

Research papers strike fear in students, cause chills, headaches before deadline

By TARA ALBRECHT

Two words strike more fear in the hearts of college students than any others—research papers. Just the thought of these two words sends a cold chill down a person's back, leaves a orange-size lump in the pit of the stomach and causes migraine headaches weeks before the due date.

Although not uncommon, the research paper is treated like

some dread disease. Avoided like chicken pox, it is often put off until the night before it is due. Unfortunately there is no easy cure for this illness. The only way out is to hire someone to do it for you or write it yourself (as a last resort).

And yet the formal assignment has value. When seriously evaluated the research paper can teach the technique of research, help the student to familiarize himself with the

library and constructively aid in time management, said Communications Division Director Mary Waldrop.

Conversations change at research paper time. Suddenly everyone is talking about sources, footnotes, authors and other related topics.

Long sessions with instructors and librarians help stimulate some hope. Nights are spent with books, typewriters and plenty of liquid paper. The

nearest garbage can fills with candy wrappers, old coffee cups and several first drafts.

English instructors notice sudden increased attendance. Every student is anxious to learn anything that might help in getting this monstrosity done. Giving the student plenty of time to finish is very important, said Waldrop.

The general feeling of students on any campus would be a grim one.

Sophomore Clyde L. Howe says research papers are okay if they relate to something that is interesting to the person who is writing it.

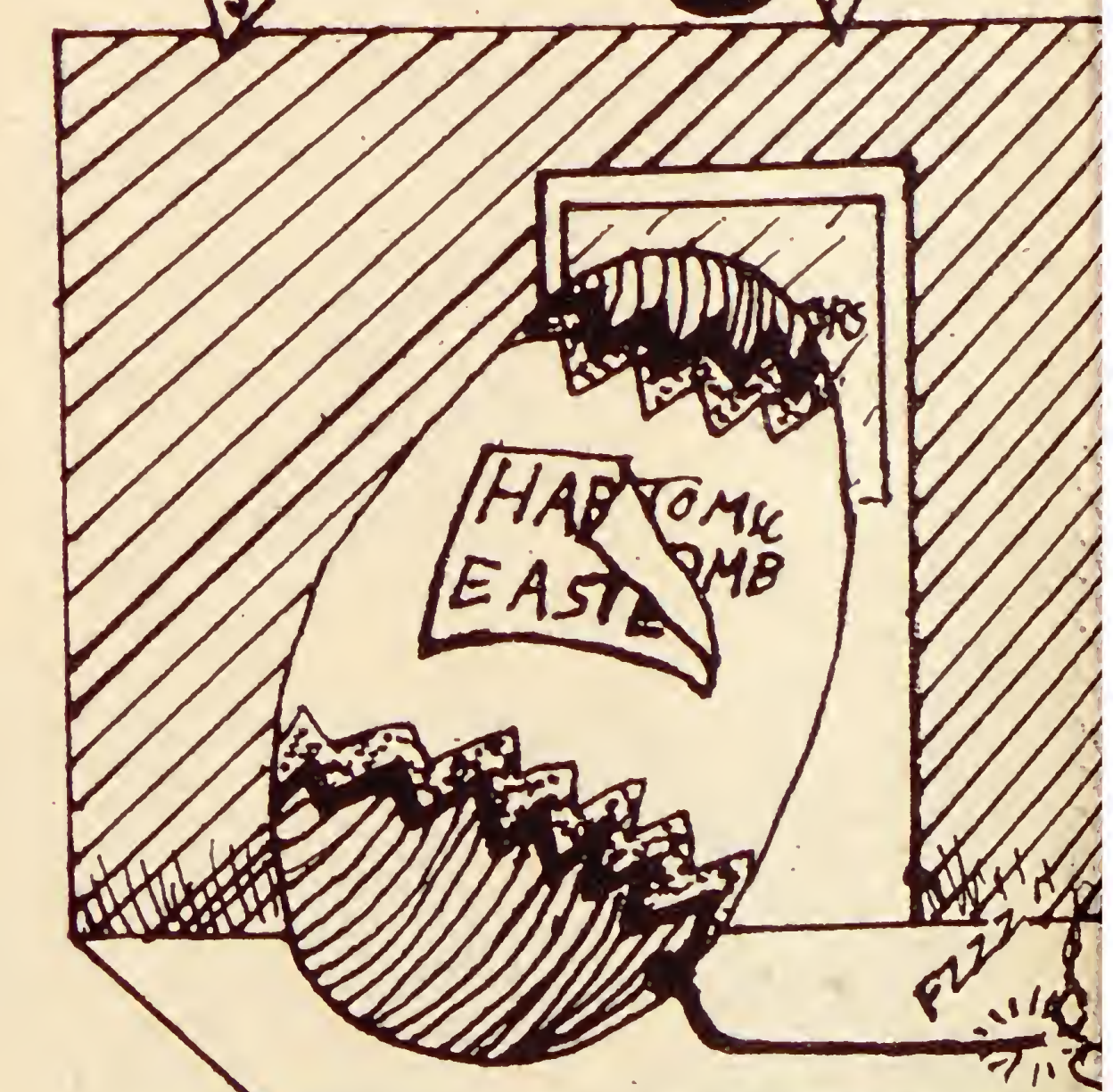
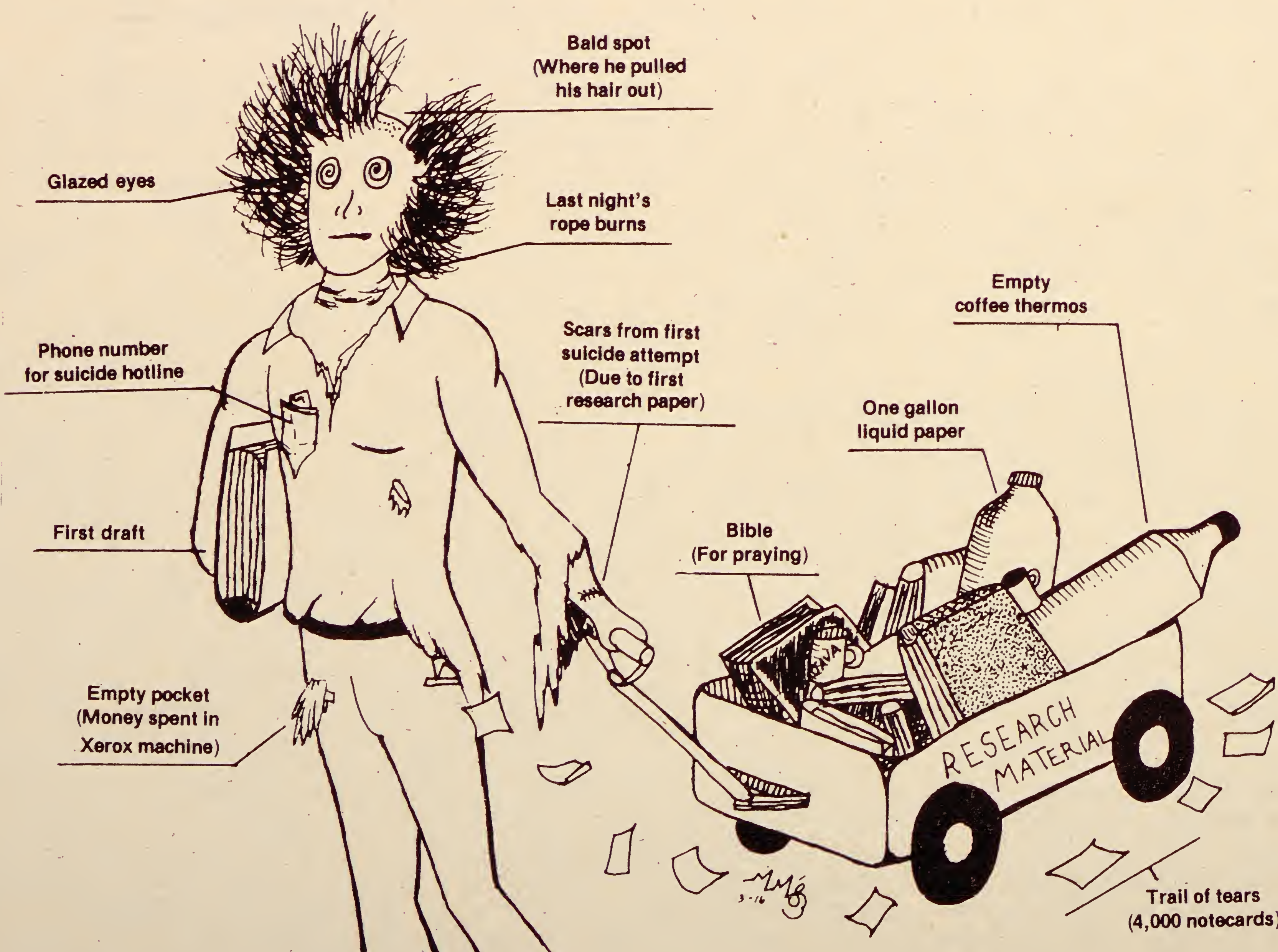
Another sophomore from Lindale said, "They should be outlawed." The most popular answer is "Yuck."

Sophomore Dawn Thompson feels that research papers are not hard. They're just time consuming because they have to be done outside of class time. She says "I hate em."

Any research paper buff will tell that the simplest way to tackle the problem is to start at least three weeks ahead of time. Assemble all of the required materials: paper, pens, books, notes, liquid paper and index cards.

After gathering materials, the student should very calmly proceed to make some sense out of why a research paper is even necessary and begin to put something together that resembles one.

The research paper illness does not last forever. The illness is contagious for only about two months.



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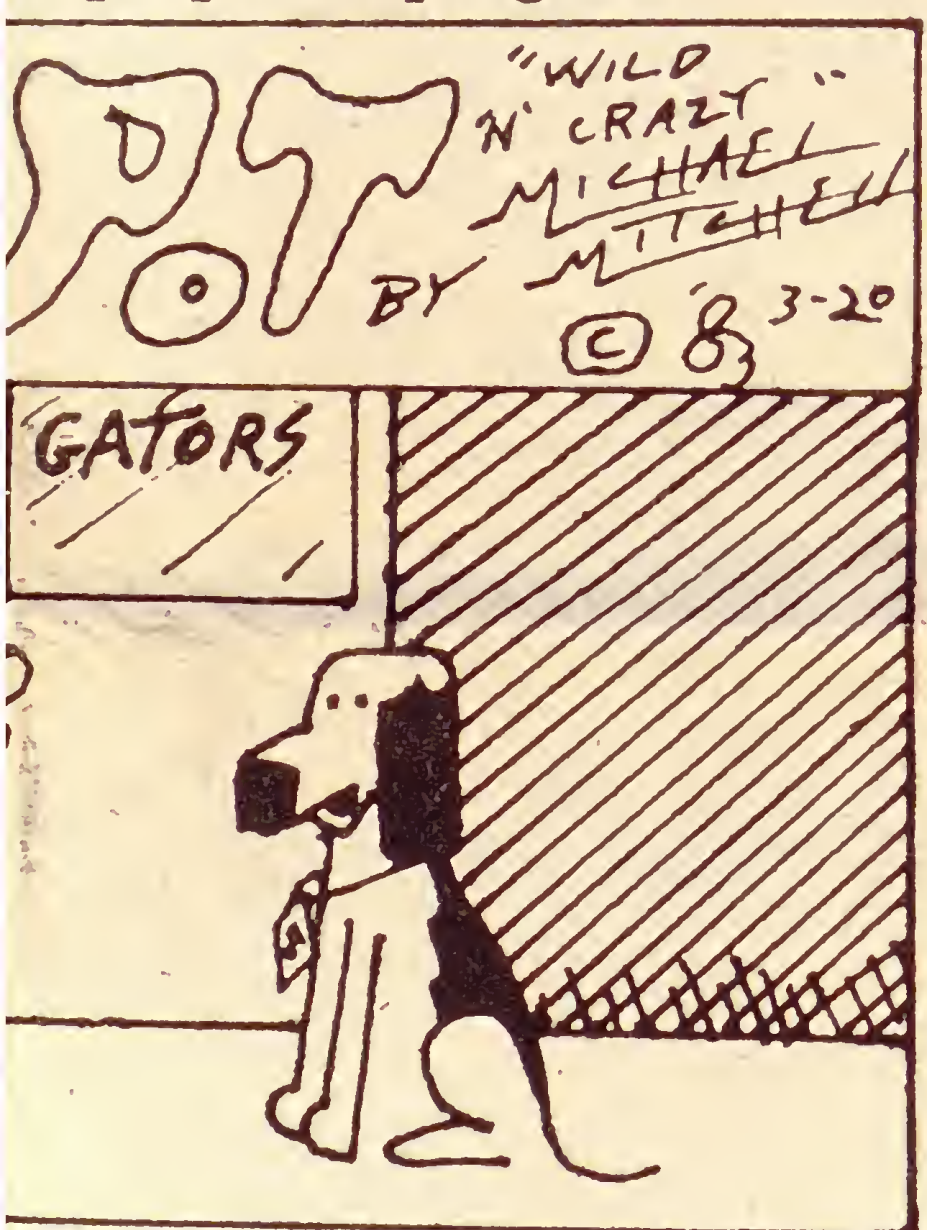
Students With a Purpose, an organization of older students sponsored by Sociology Instructor Linda Watkins, has suggested to the Administration instituting a program based on psychology and early childhood development courses.

Completion of this proposed basic program would result in the issuing a two-year certificate for persons interested in nursery child care.

A campus child care facility for children of students, Watkins said, could be started. Students enrolled in this program would work in the nursery as part of the basic program for practical experience.

This proposed program would move TJC, as a community college, forward in the area of community orientation, Watkins said.

Studies for reasibility and location of available space for the nursery facility would have to be made before instituting the proposed program.



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Motorcycles provide thrifty transportation, but riders' safety remains questionable

In spring more and more students are opting for an easier, more economical form of transportation.

Motorcycles are more economical form of transportation.

Motorcycles are more economical than automobiles, but their safety is questionable. Some students obviously think

they are safe because more than 50 students ride them to classes every day.

One advantage of riding a motorcycle is fuel consumption. A person can commute on a motorcycle to and from school for an entire week on one tank of gas. A motorcycle can get up to 90 miles per gallon depend-

ing upon the bike size.

Motorcycles can park in less time than cars using the designated parking areas.

Motorcycles can get from one place to the other in considerably less time than cars because they accelerate faster and can maneuver easily in traffic. All of these factors contribute to an increase of motorcycle riders.

The most apparent disadvantages of motorcycle travel are danger due to rain or ice, lack of two extra wheels to protect the rider from falling and refusal of most riders to wear helmets.

In Smith County in 1982, more than 100 motorcycle accidents were reported. Nearly one-third of them were fatal. Most deaths were due to the riders not wearing protective headgear, according to statistics compiled by the Smith

County Sheriffs' Department.

"I ride my bike in most any conditions because it saves me a bundle," said Freshman Scott Williams.

"I ride it in the cold weather because I have a ski outfit, but I hitch a ride with a roommate in his car if it's slick due to rain or ice," he added. Williams wears a helmet.

'News' takes letters

The News accepts letters from student and faculty. Letters must be signed and should be brought or mailed to the News office in Potter Hall 204. Writers must give hometown and classification.

The editor reserves the right to select and edit letters in accordance with college policy.

TJC offers medical insurance to students on voluntary basis

TJC has an accident and medical expense insurance plan.

The administration at TJC has made available to students a program offered by the National Gold Seal Corporation. This coverage is available to all TJC students and their dependents on a voluntary basis. It can help students who may not have another opportunity for coverage.

Few students over age 18 are still covered by their parents' hospitalization policies. Benefits under this accident and sickness medical expense plan are payable in addition to benefits the student may receive from any other policy.

The benefits of the plan are in effect at all times during the policy terms. It protects the student 24 hours a day, whether on or off campus, participating in any activity not specifically excluded. The student is covered during vacation times at home if the vacation occurs during the policy terms.

Some benefits include: hospitalization, out-patient services, consultations, ambulance services, dental fees surgical expenses. The student could receive as much as \$4500 of medical benefits.

Applications can be picked up in the Student Affairs Office in the Student Center.

Point system derived to unite students

Student Senate organizations operate under a point system. Many students do not understand how it works or why it is used.

The point system was derived to unite students in a closeknit form of healthy competition, explained Student Activities Coordinator Emma Lou Prater.

Several years ago, then Dean of Students Dr. Billy Jack Doggett set up the point system for fraternities. This competition was encouraged to upgrade activities and involve more students in college functions. In fall 1980, sororities began to participate also.

Any organization is eligible to compete in the point system if their representative is a member of the Senate in good standing.

Activities that earn points for groups vary. They include decorating for college parties, attending college functions as a group, and working on community services such as the March of Dimes and the Cancer Society. The list of activities is lengthy.

The competition starts at the beginning of the fall semester, Prater said, and point turn-in deadline is April 26. The winners of this year-round competition receive awards as best sorority, best fraternity, and best organization on campus at the spring Student Senate banquet. They also receive trophies.

Winners of last year's event were: Best Organization, Students With a Purpose; Best Fraternity, Pi Kappa Alpha and Best Sorority, Sans Souci.

Law Enforcement students work to earn Senate points

Law Enforcement Students Association is one of the most active independent organizations on campus. The group ranks just behind Apache Band and Belles in activities earning Student Senate points.

Officers are President Scott McAuley, Vice Presidents Jason Waller and Kenneth Kidwell; Secretary Teresa Goodrich, and Treasurer Jay Bohannan.

LESA is sponsored by Criminal Justice Program Coordinator George Weisheit.

LESA has 30 members and meets twice a month just after Senate meetings in the Student Center.

LESA has many guest speakers from various law enforcement fields. The group offers friendship with other law enforcement students and introduces them to important local law enforcement officials.

Membership could help a student obtain a part time job while attending school, as well as offer contacts for employment after graduation.

LESA considered joining a national organization, but decided the costs outweighed the benefits to members.

Bake sales, car washes and balloon throws are fund raising projects.

All members must be in the law related field, but pre-law students are welcome. Dues are \$3.50 per year. LESA invites potential members to attend meetings.

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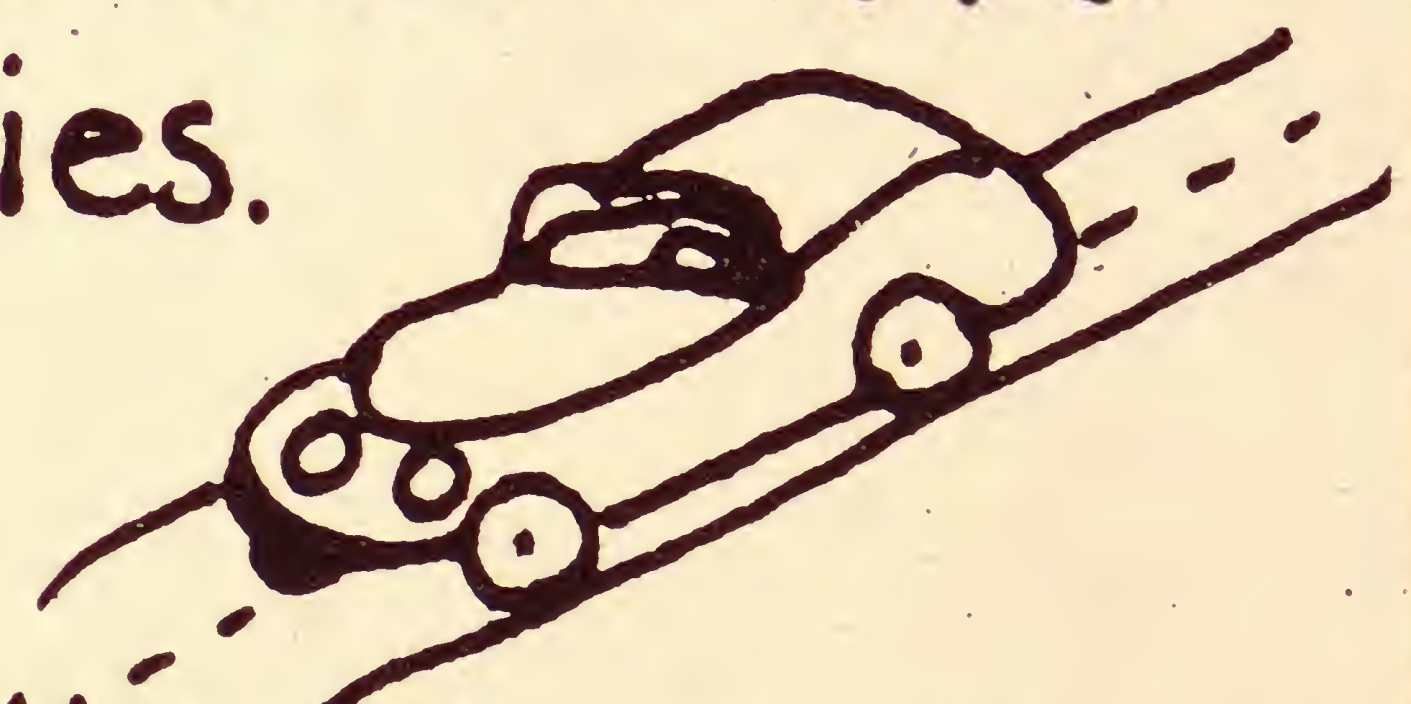
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Menasco to replace Gibson in physical education role

By TARA ALBRECHT

After two years of coaching the men's basketball team, J.D. Menasco will move his athletic bag to the physical education department here.

Menasco will replace Physical Education Instructor Fletcher Gibson Jr. who will retire at the end of this semester.

A coach for 24 years, Menasco says he prefers teaching to coaching. "When Gibson resigned, I applied for the job and the administration here at TJC was very supportive of me."

Menasco has coached all over Texas including four years at

Lon Morris Junior College.

In 24 years of coaching Menasco has had 511 wins and 184 losses.

One reason Menasco is getting out of the coaching field is because he wants to leave it before it changes. "It has always been fun and I want to remember it that way," he said.

Recruiting, Menasco said, "is always a problem with college athletics."

"There are always discipline problems but I try to instill self-discipline in my athletes and students," he said.

Another reason for leaving coaching is because he is tired of the travel involved. "I'm

going to be a grandpa in October and I want to be around for that," he explained.

Menasco said the administration is very supportive of athletics and that TJC has a real future in it.

Menasco attended New London High School. "As long as I can remember I have wanted to be involved with athletics," he added. "It just seemed natural to coach."

He says he has enjoyed everywhere he has worked and he believes in enjoying life.

Sports and teaching run in the Menasco family. Menasco's son is head coach for Crowley High School in Fort Worth and his two daughters are physical education teachers.

"You get a great opportunity to shape and form a lot of kids' lives. And you have to be mom and dad to a lot of them who are a long way from home," he reflected.

Golf classes start action

Golf classes have swung into action this semester.

"There are two classes Tuesday and Thursday with a total of about 50 students," said Golf Instructor Jerry Gray. "Once a week the students receive individual instruction and the other day they actually play the game."

The students have class at the Oakwood Golf Course. "We are planning to go to different courses to give students more practice," he said.

"We also had a tournament March 15 at Holly Lake Ranch. The participation was good and we are planning on more tournaments this semester and in the fall," said Gray.

"There is a lot to look forward to," said Gray. "In the fall there will be two classes of golf again. We are hoping that soon there will be enough interest that TJC can have a golf team."

"I enjoy teaching golf and the students seem to enjoy the class. They are showing lots of improvement and are advancing fast," said Gray.



Photo by Trent Goodwin

STRAIT SHOOTING—Basketball season may be over but play continues as Tri-C Director Jim Strait demonstrates a layup shot for student Robby Fair and Darryl Warren.

Around Campus

Thursday, March 24

USI II Nationals

Friday, March 25

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Saturday, March 26-Monday, April 4

Spring Break

Monday, March 28

BSU Spring Mission Trip

Tuesday, March 29

BSU Mission Trip

Tuesday, April 5

10 a.m.—Worship at Wesley

9:30 p.m.—Worship at Wesley

Phi Rho Pi Nationals

Wednesday, April 6

8-10—ABS

Noon—Agape Lunch at BSU

Phi Rho Pi Nationals

Thursday, April 7

Phi Rho Pi Nationals

In kickboxing

Lee, Martin debut

Two TJC students will make their professional kickboxing debut next weekend.

Mike Lee and Matt Martin, who have been studying karate and boxing for eight months, are scheduled for separate fights Sunday at a local club.

Along with Lee and Martin, two other TJC students, Buddy Cantrell and Hector Gaevara, will compete. Gaevara, who has a 1-2 fighting record lost recently to seventh-ranked lightweight U.S. amateur Brian Dorsey.

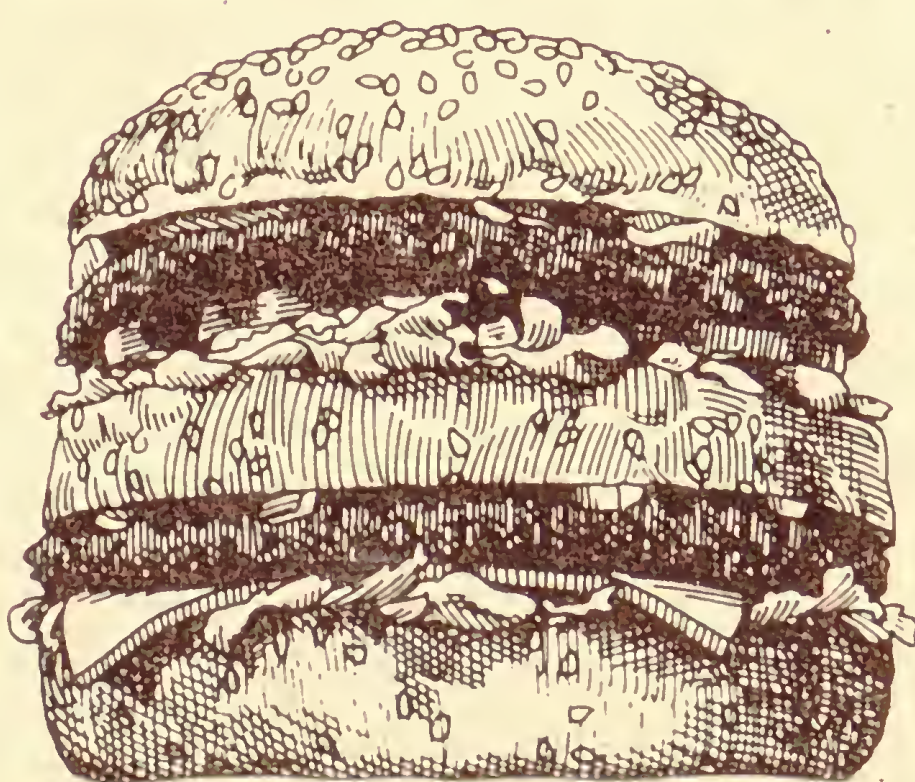
Kickboxing is a relatively new sport. Martin explains kickboxing as "mixture of karate and boxing. We put all the boxing techniques together with basic karate kicks and movements."

Training and instruction needed to perform on a professional level are provided by

Rick Blaylock, former petroleum technology instructor. Blaylock teaches karate two to four evenings a week. At evening classes he monitors full contact sparring and teaches all the karate holds and moves. Blaylock also teaches boxing strategies.

The bouts Sunday will be composed of three 2-minute rounds. Scoring will be based on the amount and target of kicks and punches. Each fighter must score at least six kicks a round to avoid penalization.

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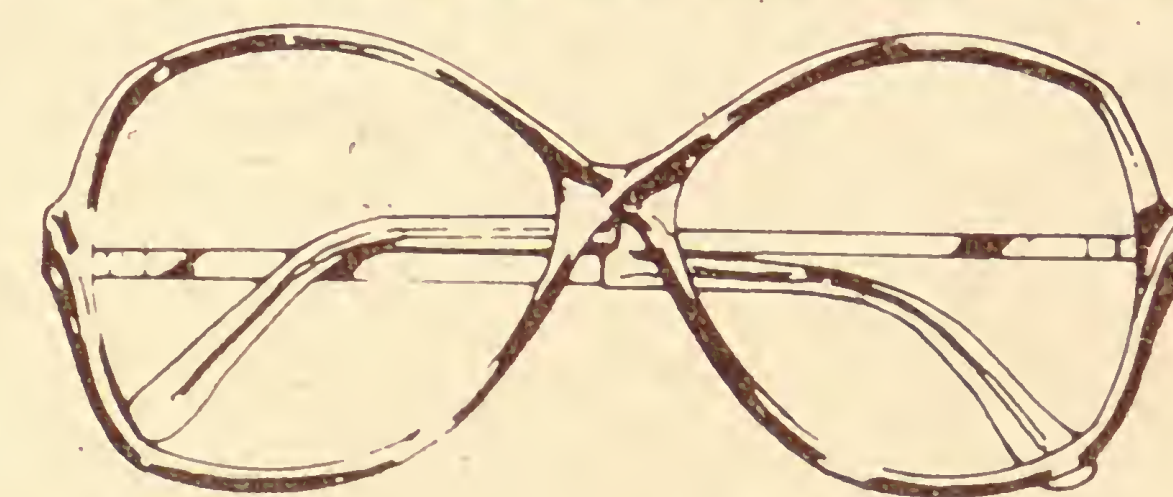
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